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BRIDGEWATER

New Hampshire

1919-20

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

BRIDGEWATER, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31st, 1920

The Record Print, Plymouth

Selectmen's Report

RECEIPTS

Received from State of maintenance of highway	$233.00	
Railroad tax	75.87	—
Savings bank tax	461.71	
Bounties	16.40	
Road agents' unexpended money	33.90	
Paid to treasurer		$820.88

EXPENDITURES

State tax	$1,408.00	
County tax	470.09	
Old Home Day appropriation	20.00	
Memorial Day appropriation	12.00	
Library tax	19.20	
School treasurer, school money	1,550.00	
School treasurer, dog licenses	19.80	
Walter L. Blake, road agent	579.40	
Charles E. Page, road agent	579.00	
		$4,657.49

DETAIL REPORT

WINTER ROADS

R. G. Gilpatric	$8.75
Owen Blake	1.50..
W. E. Blake	12.60
C. E. Page	9.00

R. W. Gilpatric	6.25	
E. P. Wiser	3.00	
L. A. Bailey	5.62	
William Graves	7.00	
J. H. Fogg	6.00	
Joseph H. Morrison	2.05	
G. A. Hunt	1.80	
D. B. Clement	8.10	
G. S. Fletcher	6.50	
		$78.17

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Mary G. Musgrove, town reports	$35.19	
R .G. Gilpatric, wood for town house	4.25	
J. M. Howe, printing checklists	6.50	
F. P. Morrill, damage to private road	18.18	
C. S. Collins, shingles for town house	75.00	
J. L. Morrison, recording births and deaths	.75	
J. L. Morrison, postage	.75	
J. L. Morrison, permits, registration motor vehicles	1.50	
Paid bounties	16.40	
D. B. Clement, nails and hauling shingles	11.10	
D. B. Clement, postage and stationery	3.13	
D. B. Clement, selectmen's expenses	18.00	
D. B. Clement, E. C. Eastman Co., supplies	4.70	
D. B. Clement,Olin H. Chase, auto manual	1.75	
D. B. Clement, W. J. Randolph, list of transfers	1.26	
		$198.46

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Joseph H. Morrison, services as constable	$3.00	
S. S. Fletcher, services as supervisor	3.00	
J. L. Morrison, services as town clerk	15.00	
C. H. Marston, services as treasurer	25.00	
S. S. Fletcher, services as collector	50.00	
D. B. Clement, services as selectman	64.00	
G. T. Young, services as selectman	54.00	
G. A. Hunt, services as selectman	54.00	
		$265.00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Balance state, 1918	$361.69	
Additional appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures		$426.68
Balance, 1919		185.01
	$611.69	$611.69
Balance town, 1918	$105.15	..
Additional appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures		$174.14
Balance, 1919		185.01
	$355.15	$355.15

RECAPITULATION

Total amount of money received		$8,643.98
State tax	$1,408.00	
County tax	470.09	
Old Home Day appropriation	20.00	
Memorial Day appropriation	12.00	
Library tax	19.20	
Schools	1,569.80	
Highways and bridges	1,158.40	
Winter roads	78.17	
Town officers' bills	265.00	

Miscellaneous expenses	198.46	
Trunk line maintenance	546.27	
Balance in treasury, Jan. 31, 1920	2,898.59	
	$8,643.98	$8,643.98

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR

S. S. Fletcher, collector, 1918 balance	$772.41	
By cash, paid treasurer		$757.16
By abatements		15.25
S. S. Fletcher, collector, 1919, to amount of tax list	5,883.30	
By cash, paid treasurer		4,753.38
Balance due		1,129.42
	$6,655.71	$6,655.71

ASSETS

Cash in treasury	$2,898.59
Due from collector, 1919	$1,129.92
Due from state trunk line, maintenance	151.13

LIABILITIES

School House repairs	$75.00	
Balance in favor of town	4,104.64	
	$4,179.64	$4,179.64

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. CLEMENT,
G. T. YOUNG,
GEORGE A. HUNT
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT—EAST SIDE

Received from treasurer on selectmen's orders		$579.40

PAID FOR LABOR WITH TEAM

W. E. Martin, with team	$23.00	
E. E. Atwood, with team	32.25	
Charles E. Page, with team	24.00	
J. H. Paulin	8.75	
Leroy A. Bailey	25.13	
Alec Bishop	3.00	
Orin	70.00	
Cyrus C. Fletcher	1.50	
Ralph Gilpatric	24.00	
Charles Drew	10.00	
R. W. Gilpatric	4.57	
Kenneth Jenness	6.00	
W. M. Graves	15.98	
B. T. Nichols	6.50	
S. S. Fletcher	3.00	
Leon Hammell	3.00	
E. P. Wiser	5.00	
F. W. Clement, labor and bridge plank	51,18	
J. L. Morrison, bridge stringers	15.60	
Sullivan Brothers, shovels	3.75	
O. A. Brown, spikes	1.00	
New England Road Machine Co.	6.00	
E. E. Straw, express on road machine blade	.71	
W. E. Lapon, blacksmith	.75	
W. E. Blake, agent, labor and team	225.00	
Cash returned to selectmen	9.73	
	$579.40	$579.40

WALTER E. BLAKE,
Road Agent.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT—WEST SIDE

Received from treasurer on selectmen's orders		$579.00
Charles S. Ross	$30.69	
M. A. Bailey	50.31	
Bert Follansbee	53.31	
W. F. Morrill	5.00	
C. E. Ross	4.00	
Frank E. Bailey	1.33	
F. W. Clement	19.56	
W. E. Blake	24.00	
George A. Hunt	3.00	
W. H. Poole	2.10	
L. D. Fox	9.00	
E. D. Morrill	9.00	
R. J. Stanley	18.00	
W. Brown	1.50	
Zachariah Brock	1.35	
H. W. Noyes, shovels	2.40	
Alec Bishop	77.07	
Dynamite	.34	
Spikes	.12	
W. E. Blake, for one-half road machine blade	6.00	
Charles E. Page, agent, labor and team	236.75	
Cash returned to selectmen	24.17	
	$579.00	$579.00

CHARLES E. PAGE,
Road Agent.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash received from former treasurer	$2,274.62	
Cash received from selectmen	820.88	
Cash received from town clerk	37.94	
Cash received from S. S. Fletcher, collector, 1918	757.16	
Cash received from S. S. Fletcher, collector, 1919	4,753.38	
Total cash received		$8,643.98

EXPENDITURES

Paid orders given by selectmen	$5,199.12	
Paid orders given by F. W. Brown. division engineer of highways	546.27	
Total cash paid out		$5,745.39
Cash balance on hand		$2,898.59

CHARLES H. MARSTON,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, road agents, and treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. E. ATWOOD,
Auditor.

TRUST FUNDS

FUNDS AND INTEREST, FEB. 1, 1919

Emerson Cemetery Fund	$375.00	
Old Home Cemetery Fund	560.00	
Whittemore Point Cemetery Fund	570.00	
Cross and Webster Fund	125.00	
		$1,630.00
Interest received		69.00
		$1,699.00

EXPENDITURES

Emerson Cemetery	$3.00	
Old Home Cemetery	8.00	
Whittemore Point Cemetery	50.00	
Webster Cemetery	7.00	
		$68.00
Total Funds invested in New Hampshire savings banks, Feb. 2, 1920		$1,631.00

C. H. MARSTON,
S. S. FLETCHER,
D. B. CLEMENT,
Trustees.

OLD HOME DAY

Received from last year	$3.03	
From town	20.00	
		$23.03

EXPENDITURES

15½ lbs salt pork	$4.96	
100 paper plates	.50	
50 lbs beans	5.00	
Baking beans	3.00	
Bread	1.30	
Sugar	.50	
Coffee	2.15	
2½ lbs. butter	1.50	
Molasses	.25	
Table paper	.30	
Balance on hand	3.57	
		$23.03

S. S. FLETCHER,
Agent.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash in Plymouth Bank		$204.50
Library tax, 1919		19.20
Paid Eliza J. Bailey, librarian	$5.00	
Mrs. Hattie Morrison, librarian	5.00	
Mrs. Josephine Fletcher, librarian	5.00	
Balance in bank	208.70	
	$223.70	$223.70

S. S. FLETCHER,
J. S. MORRISON,
MILAN BAILEY,
Library Trustees.

Births Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date of Birth 1919	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Condition: Male, Female	Liv. or S'bm	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Father's Age	Mother's Age
n 10	Hazel May	F	L	4	W	Robert W Gilpatric	Marietta Darois	W	Bridgewater	Farming	Sanbornton	Lawrence Mass	33	28
y 8	Bernice A	F	L	4	W	Elmer P Wiser	Alice Veasey	W	Bridgewater	Farmer	Bridgewater	Meredith	49	35

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

	Place of Death	Name and Surname of deceased	Age: Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sex and Conditions: Male or Female	Color	Single, mar or widowed	Occupation	Place of Birth: Father	Mother	Nameof Father	Maiden Name of Mother
12		Abbie A Batchelder	82	8	14	Bridgewater	F	W	W	Housewife			Rodney Hammond	
4		Cora May Cass	39	1	18	Bridgewater	F	W	M	Housewife	Woodstock	Bridgewater	Jacob A Woodman	Mary N Cross
8		Albion B Dalton	74		2	New Hampton	M	W	M	Farmer	New Hampton	New Hampton	Samuel W Dalton	Mahala Robinson
1		Alalah Mitchell	57	6	1	Campton	F	W	M	Housewife			Freeman Evans	

JOHN L. MORRISON, Town Clerk

WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 9th day of March 1920, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the suport of Schools.

8. To see if the district will vote to increase compensation of School Board.

Given under our hands at Bridgewater this 26th day of February 1920.

G. T. YOUNG,
S. S. FLETCHER,
J. H. MORRISON,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Paid from Feb. 3, 1919 to Sept. 1, 1919

F. W. Preston, tuition	$ 73.32
Irene Lafoe, teaching	170.00
Ralph Gilpatric, wood	8.75
Ethelyn Kempton, teaching	132.00
Elmer P. Wiser, wood	10.00
Joseph H. Morrison, supplies	1.78
Ginn & Co., books and supplies	12.49
Albert G. Hunt, wood	4.00
Melvina Fogg, supplies	4.94
G. F. Young, school expenses	8.19
Lettie E. Brock, teaching	132.00
Mrs. Chas. Drew, conveyance	30.00
	$587.47
Balance on hand	12.82
	$600.29

Received

Balance on hand	$280.49
From town treasurer	319.80
	$600.29

CYRUS C. FLETCHER, School Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and correctly vouched.

E. E. ATWOOD, Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Woodman District, No. 1

Spring Term

Teacher, Miss Ethelyn M. Kempton; salary per month, $44.00; number of pupils registered, 12; number of weeks, 12; roll of honor, Georgianna Wiser; number of visitors, 18.

Hill District, No. 3

Spring Term

Teacher, Miss Irene M. Lafoe; salary per month, $40.00; number of pupils registered, 11; number of weeks, 17; roll of honor, Thelma Atwood; number of visitors, 7.

Turnpike District, No. 8

Spring Term

Teacher, Mrs. Lettie E. Brock; salary per month, $44.00; number of pupils registered, 11; number of weeks, 12; roll of honor, Everett E. Morrill, Osro B. Morrill, Reginald C. Morrill, Doris A. Brock; number of visitors, 11.

Budget

The law requires that the school board, in their annual report, shall state in detail the sums of money necessary for all school purposes during the ensuing fiscal year, in compliance with which we submit the following:

Teachers' salaries	$2,000.00
Emergency appropriation	75.00
Elementary tuition	75.00
Fuel	150.00
Textbooks and supplies	100.00
Transportation	100.00
High school tuition	220.00
Minor repairs	80.00

Medical inspection	15.00
Janitors' supplies and service	50.00
School officers	60.00
Supervisory tax	80.00
Superintendent	60.00
Superintendent's office expense	15.00
Total	$3,080.00

Report of Superintendent

To the Citizens of the School District of Bridgewater:

I present herein my first annual report as superintendent of schools, the report including the five months from Sept. 1 to Feb. 1.

The outstanding fact in this district, as in all others of the state, is the new educational act which went into operation Sept. 1, 1919, by which the more wealthy communities of the state will generously come to the assistance of those less fortunately situated, so that the opportunities for education may be as nearly equalized as possible, and every child in the state shall have the privilege of attending a standard school. A standard school is defined by the act to be a school (1) maintained for at least thirty-six weeks, (2) in a suitable and sanitary building, (3) equipped with approved furniture, books, maps and other necessary appliances, (4) taught by an approved teacher, (5) directed and supervised by an approved superintendent, (6) with suitable provision for the care of the health and physical welfare of all pupils.

I shall confine this report to a statement of what has been done by your school board and superintendent in carrying out the terms of this act in Bridgewater.

1. Doubt has been expressed as to the advisability of maintaining schools in a region with scattered

population, drifting snows and low temperatures. We have succeeded in maintaining schools thus far through one of the severest winters on record, so that there is no longer any reason for doubt. Up to the end of the present week, Feb. 13, we have completed in the Bridgewater Hill school twenty weeks and in the River Road and Turnpike schools nineteen weeks. We shall have ample time to complete the full school year of thirty-six weeks between early March and the first of July.

2. Considerable changes will have to be made in the school buildings to make them "suitable and sanitary" buildings, within the meaning of the act. Front windows, which pupils face when seated, will have to be closed, and more light admitted from the left side. Toilets must be provided with fly-proof vaults; and, at the Hill school, separate toilets provided for boys and girls. Ceilings and walls will have to be whitened or tinted. It ought to be a part of our ideal to make our the past, and this can be accomplished by cooperation on the part of all interested in the schools.

3. The schools are equipped with suitable desks and seats, though I should hope, if new ones are needed in the future, that single and not double desks will be purchased, and that they be both adjustable and movable. It is desirable that desks and seats be exactly adjusted to the size of pupils using them, in the interests of straight bodies and good health, and it is a great convenience to be able to clear the room of movable furniture, for various school and community purposes.

An abundance of supplies has been provided, and the schools are equipped for the work of the year. As the price of school supplies is continually advancing it has been thought wise to purchase for some time ahead. A considerable number of new textbooks will be needed as soon as funds are available, and maps will be needed in each school.

4. It is the intention of the educational act that none but trained and qualified teachers shall be admitted to New Hampshire schoolrooms. It is impossible to attain this ideal at present, however, for there

are not enough of such teachers to supply the schools. I cannot overstate the gravity of the situation as regards qualified teachers. Not only are teachers leaving the profession in vast numbers, but the supply of young people looking forward to teaching and fitting themselves in the normal schools has diminished alarmingly, while the number of children to be taught is constantly increasing. Even if teaching positions are made satisfactory in the matter of salary and in other respects it will take years for the supply of qualified teachers to equal the demand. Meanwhile many schools will be without teachers or taught by those not properly qualified for their work. Under these circumstances it will be a crime against childhood for any community to allow competent teachers to depart because their positions have not been satisfactory.

The district has been fortunate, under the conditions which I have described, in being able to secure teachers for all of its schools. Many in the state have been closed. Miss Edith F. Mitchell has taught the Hill school, Miss Ellen Frances Bean the River Road school, and Mrs. Lettie E. Brock the Turnpike school. To the great regret of pupils and parents Miss Mitchell was obliged to give up her school at the end of the half-year. The uncertainty of securing a successor for the balance of the year made it seem wise to take advantage of the opportunity to secure a normal student for the month of February, and Miss Emma McHugh is in charge of the school for the month.

5. The work of a superintendent of schools is both administrative and educational. I need hardly say that the administrative side of my work has been the absorbing one for the last half-year. The task of organizing the schools of the various districts, with the assistance of the school boards, in accordance with the new act, has been a large one, in which I can only report progress. To the educational side of my work, the careful inspection and supervision of teaching, the testing of pupils and the direction of their work, I have been able to give much less time than I hope to give in the future.

6. The lack of physical fitness revealed by the draft has set Americans to thinking, and in particular has stimulated the people responsible for the conduct of the schools to review their procedure to see if they have not left something undone, and if in future they cannot rear a race with better bodies. It is the intent of the educational act that every effort shall be made to remedy physical defects and to cultivate strong bodies and positive health. A school physician has been engaged by your school board, who will, at the opening of the spring term, examine all the children, and notify parents of defects requiring attention. It will be a part of our school program, also, to have such calisthenic exercises as will help to neutralize the evils of a sedentary occupation.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and helpfulness of everyone connected with the schools. School board, teachers and parents have worked together for the best interests of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. BRECK, Superintendent.

In order to conform to fiscal school year ending Aug. 31st as fixed by the State Board of Education, the School Board includes only the spring term in the foregoing report.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. YOUNG,
S. S. FLETCHER,
J. H. MORRISON,
School Board.

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